

We Claim:

1. A rehydratable personal care composition comprising:  
from about 1 to about 20 percent water,  
from about 1 to about 20 percent organic solvent,  
from about 0.5 to about 50 percent gelling agent, and  
from about 0.1 to about 5 percent gelling cation, based on the total  
weight of the composition.
2. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the gelling agent is  
selected from the group consisting of natural polymers, modified natural  
polymers, synthetic polymers, and inorganic materials.
3. The composition according to claim 2 wherein the natural polymer is  
selected from the group consisting of Karaya gum, Tragacanth gum, Gum  
arabic, Gum Ghatti, Guar gum, Locust bean gum, Quince seed, Psyllium  
Seed, Carrageenan, alginates, agar, pectins, starches, Xanthan gum, Gellan  
gum, Dextran, Casein, Gelatin, Keratin, and Shellac.
4. The composition according to claim 2 wherein the modified natural  
polymer is selected from the group consisting of hydroxypropylcellulose,  
hydroxyethylcellulose, and hydroxypropyl guar.
5. The composition according to claim 2 wherein the synthetic polymer is  
selected from the group consisting of acrylic acid polymers, Polyacrylamides,  
and alkylene/alkylene oxide polymers.

6. The composition according to claim 2 wherein the inorganic material is selected from the group consisting of clays and amorphous silicon dioxides.

5 7. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of water soluble liquid polyols selected from the group consisting of glycerine, propylene glycol, hexylene glycol, butylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, and mixtures thereof; polyalkylene glycols of the formula:  $\text{HO}-(\text{R}''\text{O})_b\text{-H}$ , wherein  $\text{R}''$  is an alkylene group having from  
10 about 2 to about 3 carbon atoms and  $b$  is an integer of from about 2 to about 10; polyethylene glycol ethers of methyl glucose of formula  $\text{CH}_3\text{-C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_5\text{-(OCH}_2\text{CH}_2)_c\text{-OH}$ , wherein  $c$  is an integer from about 5 to about 25; urea; and mixtures thereof.

15 8. The composition according to claim 7 wherein the organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of glycerine, propylene glycol, and dipropylene glycol.

20 9. The composition according to claim 1 wherein the gelling cation is selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid, calcium chloride, and potassium chloride.